

Dear Committee:

I am opposed to both HB 5039 and SB 4.

These bill exposes Connecticut to the risk of blackouts and brown outs. The Independent System Operator of New England (ISO-NE) issued warnings of blackout just a few months ago because of the tight supply demand picture that we are currently experiencing, and this bill fails to take into consideration the impact that moving school busses, transit busses, state vehicles and incentives for the purchase of EV's will have on our fragile grid.

Before the state spends untold amounts of taxpayer money to artificially reduce the cost of EV's, it needs to fully understand how much more ratepayers will have to pay for the transition to unreliable/intermittent sources of power (wind and solar) and the upgrades in transmission to get it to homes and businesses.

Ratepayers already suffer from some of the highest electric rates in America and should not foot the bill for an electrification plan that should be paid for by the monopolistic electric utility shareholders who will profit from it - not your constituents!

Finally, requiring us to buy electric powered medium and heavy-duty vehicles that are not available in our industry is impossible. And if they are developed, will likely cost thousands more than the ones we use today. I ask that Connecticut adopt the EPA standard in place of the California standards that I can not comply with.

Sincerely,

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